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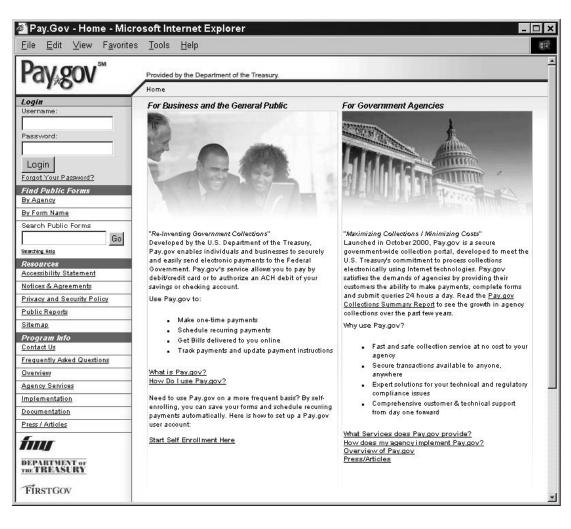
Supporting Electronic Government Collections

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### Agenda

- Introductions
- What is Pay.gov?
- Benefits of Pay.gov
- Services offered.
- Working with Pay.gov
- Questions?

### What is Pay.gov?



Pay.gov is a **secure**Government-wide
financial management
transaction **portal**.

It offers a **suite** of online electronic financial services for **Federal agencies**.

### Why was Pay.gov Developed?

- Move from paper to electronic payment collections – Government Paperwork Elimination Act (Oct 1998)
- Respond to customers' increasing demand for Internet payment tools
- Improve governmental efficiency by providing secure and faster receipt of funds for agencies
- Meet compliance issues

# Pay.gov Provides Direct Agency Benefits

### Financial:

• Faster and safer collection service at no cost to your agency

### Technical:

Secure transactions available to anyone from anywhere

### Business:

 Expert solutions for your technical and regulatory compliance issues

### Service:

Comprehensive customer & technical support from day one

# Additional Pay.gov Benefits

- Reduction in the number of paper checks
- Ability to conduct business on-line
- Assistance in converting paper forms into electronic documents that can be processed on-line
- Agency bills can be presented electronically
- Access control services are available
  - Authentication and Authorization.
- Transaction data provided via on-line files and reports
- Assistance in integrating electronic data into agency systems

# Pay.gov Collection Totals

As of January 31, 2006 Pay.gov had successfully processed:

**12M** total transactions

Valued at \$39B

### What Services are Provided?

#### **Collection**

The Customer makes payment (ACH, Credit/Debit Cards), the payment details are forwarded for processing

### Billing/Notification

Notifications of payment due and/or information available are sent to the customer



### **Forms**

Screens configured to mirror the paper form – used for data reporting and collections

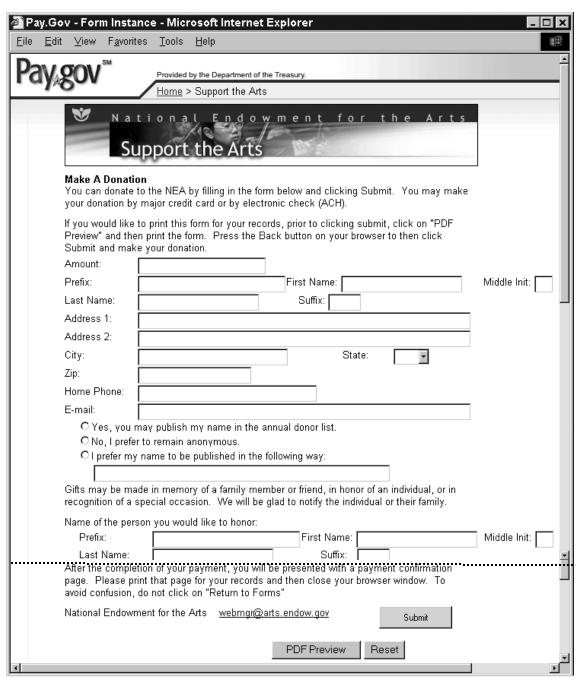
### Reporting

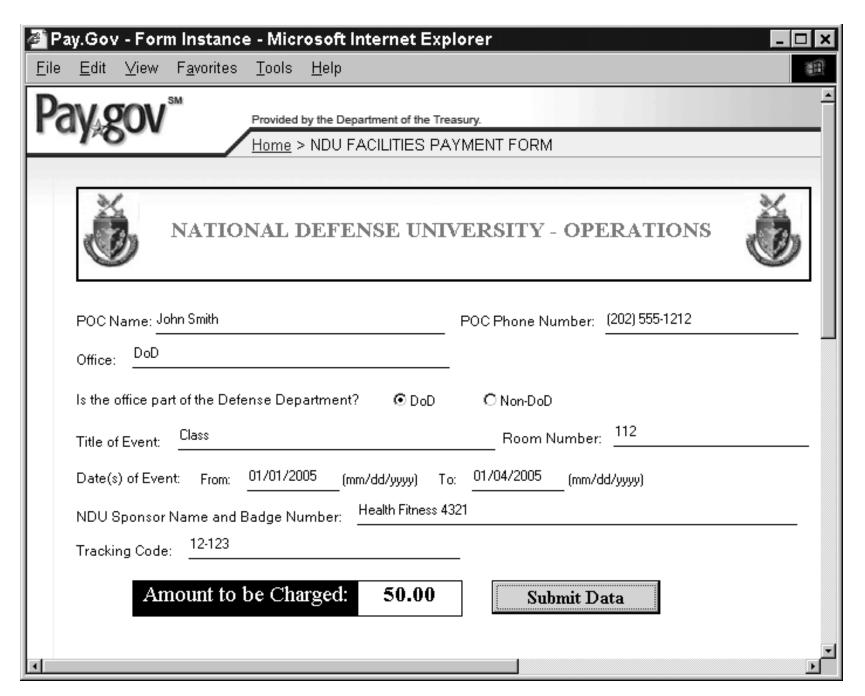
Details of all transactions via Pay.gov, both pending and completed

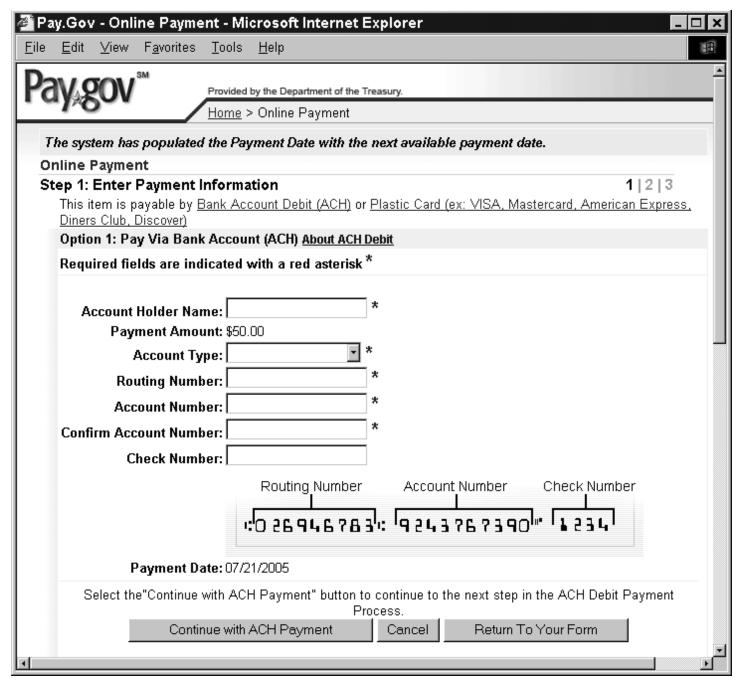
### **Verification Service**

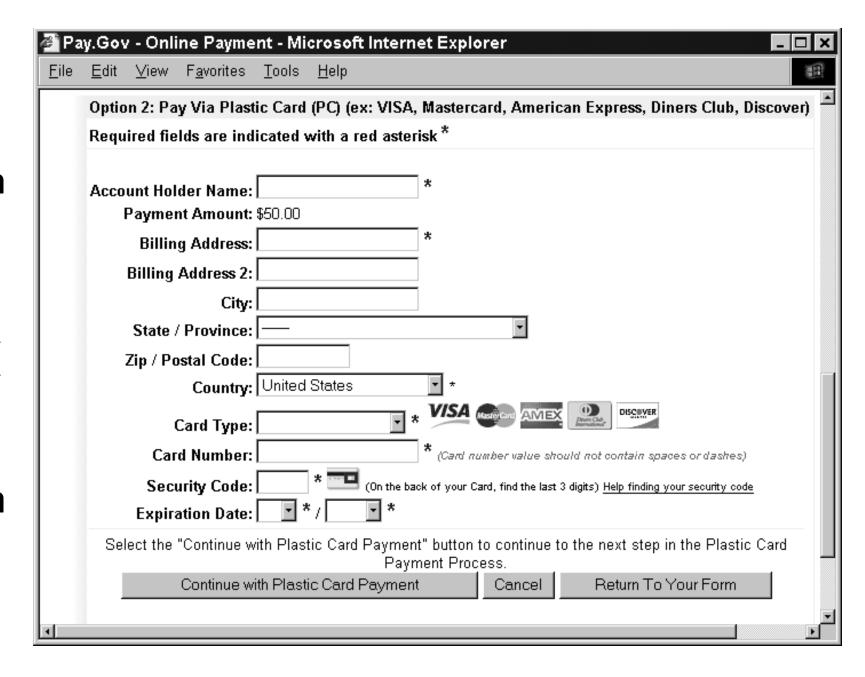
Verify the citizen involved is who they claim to be

# EXAM: Form









# How does Pay.gov fit within an agency project?

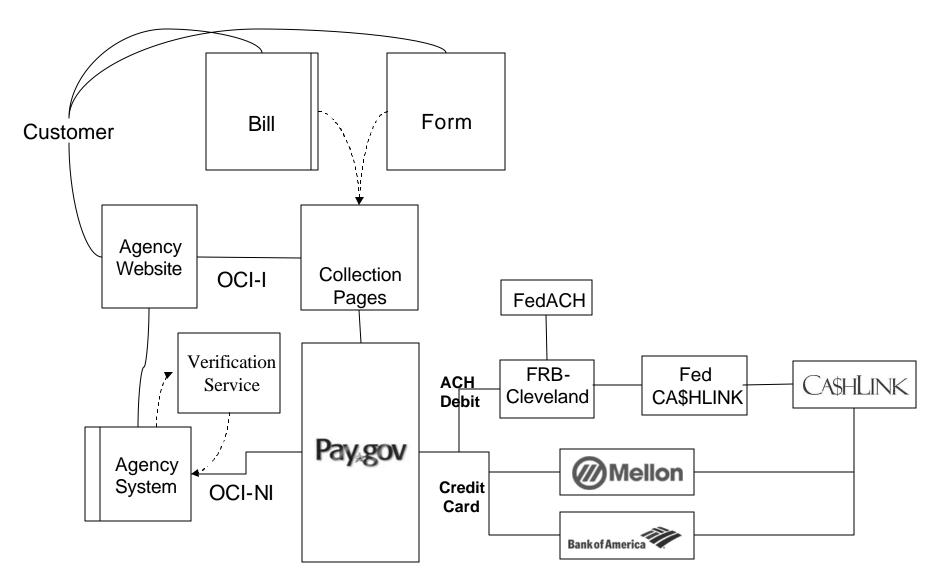
- Provides a straightforward and proven method for collecting data, sending notifications, or delivering bills.
- For projects with collections, it provides the mechanism to accept credit card or ACH (e-check) payments
  - All deposits are made into agency Treasury Accounts (reported in Ca\$hlink).
  - All credit card payments are settled through Mellon Bank or Bank of America
  - All ACH payments are settled (funded) through the Federal Reserve Bank-Cleveland
- The Pay.gov product is provided free-of-charge by the Financial Management Service\*.

<sup>\*</sup>Any FTE costs associated with the development of an agency's interface(s) to Pay.gov would be covered by the agency.

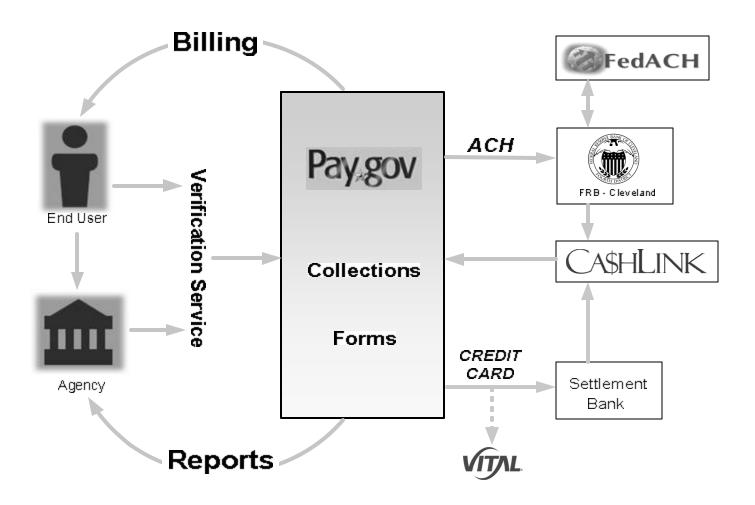
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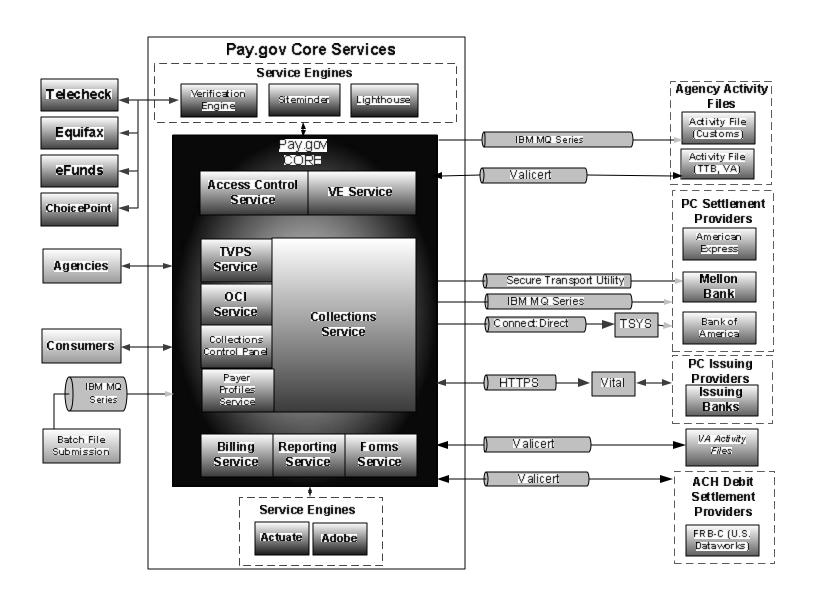
- Form or Bill applications do not require an interface between an agency webpage and Pay.gov.
- An agency webpage/application can connect to Pay.gov using one of two methods to enable collections:
  - Pay.gov website—payers are transferred from the agency application to Pay.gov for payment and returned to the agency application after approval or decline.
  - Non-interactive method (OCI-NI), all payment data are collected by the agency application and the data are passed to Pay.gov for processing: this can happen on a per-transaction or a batch basis.

## How does Pay.gov Work?



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# What does it take to work with Pay.gov?

- Agencies utilizing Pay.gov have a large number of options regarding how they interface with the product.
- Technical requirements span from none to very high depending on the specific needs of the agency, the application, and, potentially, the mandate requiring the application.
- The basic areas of interaction with Pay.gov are collection and reporting.
- Interfaces can be completely manual or completely automated, or somewhere in between.

# Pay.gov Service Offerings

SERVICE	CCP only	Forms	Bills	OCI-I	OCI-NI	VS
Front-end development effort required	None	Very low	Low	Medium → high	High	High
Common Solution	Call center, mail/fax payments	Conference fees, penalties, donations	Data presentment , Bill payment	Shopping cart applications	Monthly/ quarterly recurring payments	Registering Users
Communicat ion with Pay.gov?	Not required	Not required	Small requirement	Significant requirement	Significant requirement	Significant requirement
Reporting options	Online reports, "activity files"				-	Not Applicable
Average Implementat ion time	2 weeks	4-6 weeks	4-6 weeks	4-8 weeks	4-8 weeks	6-10 weeks

### Retrieving reports

- Online reports are available to administrative users and contain all of the detail necessary for reconciliation
- Online reports are downloadable in Excel format
- Daily downloadable "activity files" are also available—generally used for a more automated solution
- Activity files are downloadable in XML format from an HTTPS mailbox
- Schemas are available from Pay.gov
- Four basic activity files are available:
  - Credit Card activity file
  - ACH activity file
  - Form activity file
  - Billing activity file

## Pay.gov implementation components

- Each implementation will be unique, but the basic components include:
  - Agreements—initial agreements between the agency and FMS as well as the settlement banks are required. Documentation is completed and signed throughout the process.
  - Meetings—a kick-off meeting and regularly scheduled (e.g., bi-weekly) conference calls with agency, FMS and FRB-C.
  - Requirements—fully gathering and documenting agency requirements for interactions with Pay.gov.
  - Setup—Pay.gov staff establishes the application within the Pay.gov product.

# Pay.gov implementation components (cont'd)

### Build—

- Pay.gov developers and staff build the necessary components (i.e., form or bill) as necessary.
- Agency or agency contractor builds the front and back-ends required to interface with Pay.gov with guidance from Pay.gov staff.
- Testing—complete testing is required on the agency side of all aspects of the application (front-end, user experience, online reports, activity file use, and reconciliation)
- ▶ Production—after setup and testing are complete, the agency authorizes Pay.gov to establish their application in the production environment
- Support—Pay.gov customer support is available for the agency but also for the end user

# Pay.gov Implementation Milestones

- Project Kick-Off Agreement Sign Offs
- Project Monitoring
- Requirements Gathering
  - Configure Application in QA Test
- Application Design & Development
- Access Control for Pay.gov Test Environment
- Finalize ACT (Agency Configuration Template)
- Move to Production
- Go Live Activities
- Post Production Follow Up

# Which Agencies Use Pay.gov for Collections?

- **Department of Commerce: NOAA-** Individual Fishing Quota, NESDIS, STAT USA
- **Department of Defense**: MOCAS contract payments, DOD Property Surplus
- Federal Mediation Conciliation Service: Arbitration Panel Fees, FMCS Institute, Conference
- Federal Trade Commission: Do Not Call List
- General Services Administration: Multiple Award Schedules Program & Federal Premier Lodging Program
- Homeland Security Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services: Replacement of Green Card I-90, Application for Employment Authorization I-765, School Certifications FEMA - Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance
- Department of Housing and Urban Development: Institution Master File
- **Department of Interior Office of Surface Mining**: Abandoned Land Mine Fees
- Library of Congress: Royalty License Fees
- **Department of Transportation**: Federal Motor Carrier Administration & Office of Hazardous Materials Safety
- Treasury: EFT Reclamations, Surety Branch, Bureau of Public Debt and Detail Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Excise Tax Form, Monthly Tobacco Report, Brewer's Report, Brewpub Report, Storage Operations Report
- **Department of Veterans Affairs**: Funding Fees, VA Canteen
- And many more.....

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